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The enclosed documents were cited in Applicant's corresponding European application, and a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report from the European Patent Office dated July 1, 2008 is enclosed.

The third document listed in the Supplementary European Search Report, U.S. Patent No. 6,197,155, was cited by the U.S. Examiner in an Office Action dated March 29, 2006.

In accordance with the amendments to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a) (revisions effective October 21, 2004) and as discussed in the October 19, 2004 Official Gazette (1287 OG 163), copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.

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